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Cherrybrook Athletics

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CHERRYBROOK SENIORS NEWSLETTER No. 27

ATHLETICS NSW AND LITTLE ATHLETICS NSW ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP

Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW last week announced a new partnership to provide the first single athletics offering in NSW in 56 years, enhancing and simplifying the experience for athletes of all ages and abilities. The NSW Athletics Partnership entails ANSW and LANSW delivering an entirely unified and single athletics offering and has three main components – One Affiliation structure, One Membership offering, and One Championships and Events pathway open to all participants in the NSW Athletics community.

Access to weekly club competition at Cherrybrook will remain unchanged, as will inter-club competition offered by ANSW. Members will only have to register once for the season and the partnership will ultimately mean only one set of event specifications for athletes in a season.

For more information please visit <https://www.nswathletics.org.au/news/new-partnership-set-to-redefine-athletics-in-nsw> or feel free to contact Nicky Jenneke on 0448407716 or the Cherrybrook Athletics committee via cherrybrookathletics@gmail.com. We will of course continue to share all updates with you as they become available.

PRESENTATION DAY – DATE CHANGE – AND AGM (we need you!)

Our Senior presentation will now be held on **Sunday, June 16** – we apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change. Please stay tuned for start times and more details coming soon!

We are also finalising details for our Annual General Meeting, at which we will vote in a committee to oversee the new integrated season. While our committee has for a long time already represented, and worked hard for, all of our LANSW and ANSW-affiliated athletes, with the new partnership agreement we now hope to encourage more broader representation and committee involvement of athletes and parents/carers from our youngest Tots right through to our Masters.

We have a number of committee members leaving this season. Details on available positions will be released soon, but if you are interested in helping out – either in an official capacity on the committee or providing support where possible – please reach out on cherrybrookathletics@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JILL TAYLOR

We are honoured to announce Cherrybrook Masters athlete **Jill Taylor** – who is NSW Masters Athletics Association president and Australian Masters Association vice-president – has been awarded the Australian Masters Association Administrator of the Year, after many years of dedication and hard work for Masters athletics.

Cherrybrook Athletics Club and community thank her for her service to the sport and congratulate her on her very well-deserved recognition.



MIGHTY MASTERS NATIONAL RESULTS

Three Cherrybrook Masters athletes competed at the Australian Masters Athletics National Track and Field Championships in Hobart from March 29 to April 1. Our three athletes competed in 16 events, winning a total of 12 medals – 6 GOLD, 4 SILVER and 2 BRONZE.

Congratulations to **Jill Taylor** who won 4 GOLD (throws pentathlon, triple jump, hammer throw, weight throw), 3 SILVER (long jump, shot put, discus), and 1 BRONZE (javelin) from 9 events, and **Robert Clark** who won 2 GOLD (throws pentathlon, weight throw), 1 SILVER (shot put) and 1 BRONZE (discus) from five events, while **Vikas Sharma** achieved a PB (800m) among his two events.



PERSONAL BESTS and MASTERS SEASON BESTS

Since it is harder as athletes age after 30 to continue to achieve PBs, we will acknowledge our Masters' season bests (SBs) from Nationals this week. Congratulations to **Rob Clark** on SBs in javelin (26.06m) and throws pentathlon (2707 points); **Jill Taylor** 60m (11.52s), hammer (30.13m), shot put (8.84m), triple jump (6.05), and throws pentathlon (2999 points); and **Vikas Sharma** 800m (2:35.42)

Athletes with recent PBs include **Robbie Cullen** 400m (50.56); **Chase Mattiazzo** 100m (14.52), 400m (1:06.15), 1500m (5:16.63); **Evie Mattiazzo** 100m (17.81), 400m (1:28.61), 1500m (6:54.57); **Kobe Payne** 400m hurdles (54.72); **Nisini Rajapaksha Mudiyansele** pole vault (2.60m)

RECORDS

Congratulations to **Nisini Rajapaksha Mudiyansele** who jumped a new U16W pole vault club best of 2.60m (previous 2.50m). Athletes who believe they have broken a record should notify Records & Rankings Officer Rob Clark on robclark307@gmail.com. Records broken during the season will be acknowledged as "pending records" (Club Bests) until season end when the person holding the current club best result will be awarded the Club Record. All club records are acknowledged and published at the end of each season in the Cherrybrook Athletics Red Book annual report, and on our website at:

www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au/index.php/seniors-results-records/

RED BOOK ORDERS

Our Red Book annual report is a record of the Cherrybrook Athletics season for all our athletes, from our youngest members of the Cherrybrook Crew to our oldest Masters. It is a record of events, results, awards, and special moments complete with lots of photos taken throughout the season. The Red Book – usually close to 100 pages in full colour – is finalised after presentation day and will then be made available free to all Club members, either to view and/or download via our website or as a printed copy for you to read and keep, however WE ONLY PRINT AS MANY COPIES AS ARE ORDERED to avoid waste. You can order either in person at our Presentation Day, or via an online form which will be emailed around the same time.

ATHLETICS NSW CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE TOURS

Athletics NSW is offering a limited number of tours of its new Centre of Excellence to the athletics community. This is an opportunity to ask questions about the Centre of Excellence, its services and program offerings for athletes and coaches before the centre officially opens in April. Tours will take approximately 30-45 minutes, book via: www.nswathletics.org.au/eventsregister/230817/

UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS April 11-19, Adelaide, South Australia

All details including timetables, start lists and links to spectator tickets are now available via the Athletics Australia website at: www.athletics.com.au/events/192836/

Junior athletes (U13-U20) are required to wear NSW state uniform. U23 and Open athletes can choose what to wear but are encouraged to wear State or Cherrybrook uniform.

Volunteers (age 12-plus) are still needed for Nationals events. We encourage athletes and/or parents/carers to volunteer some time on any spare day/s you may have at the Championships, register via: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/aa/files/ywyibfbo58hulwtu.pdf>

UNISPORT ATHLETICS NATIONALS April 24-26, Gold Coast, Queensland

Details: www.unisport.com.au/nationals-athletics

Late entry open until April 16. Contact the athletics co-ordinator at your university before registering.

ATHLETE FUNDING

Funding is available to athletes who compete at committee-approved intrastate, interstate, and international competition. Read the funding policy to see if you qualify and, if so, lodge a claim by May 31, 2024 on the Club website: www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au/index.php/athlete-funding/

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Please check this list and if you (or an event) have been missed please let Nicky Jenneke know via text on 0448407716, or via the State WhatsApp chats. Please also let Nicky know which events you have entered for Nationals, or if you have decided not to compete.

- **Brendan Armstrong** – 800m + 2000m steeplechase
- **Aliyah Bennett** – 800m, 1500m, 3000m
- **Aryan Bharati** – discus, javelin
- **Justin Billingsley** – hammer throw, pole vault
- **Marco Boccaletti** – 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles
- **Caitlin Brennan** – 400m hurdles
- **Emily Britton** – 100m, 110m hurdles
- **Idris Burkhardt** – 5000m, 2000m steeplechase
- **Viktorija Calusic** – high jump
- **Julie Charlton** – seated shot put, discus, javelin
- **Robbie Cullen** – 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, long jump, javelin, shot put, hammer throw, decathlon
- **Lachlan Dewar** – 400m Hurdles
- **Nehara De Mel** – discus
- **Sophie Durheim** – 90m hurdles
- **Oliver Halfhide** – 800m, 1500m

- **Teddy Hampton** – pole vault
- **Zac Hayward** – high jump
- **Xavier Hennessey** – 110m Hurdles + pole vault
- **Lani Khiroya** – 100m hurdles, triple jump
- **Andrew Kim** – 90m hurdles, 100m, 400m
- **Sarah Koot** – 100m hurdles
- **Anna Kely** – shot put
- **Ashleigh Mansell** – 3000m walk
- **Olivia Moresi** – high jump
- **Zara Munroe** – 3000m steeplechase
- **Henry O’Neil** – high jump
- **Kobe Payne** – 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles
- **Sam Price** – 100m hurdles, long jump, high jump, discus, heptathlon
- **Nisini Rajapaksha Mudiyansele** – discus, high jump, triple jump, pole vault, heptathlon
- **Thomas Shannon** – 3000m steeplechase
- **Rani Sharma** – 400m
- **Madison Tabrett** – high jump, 80m hurdles
- **Oscar Turnbull** – 400m

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